

thought of attending the Chicago party but we made time on some gravel + kept coming and we figured it out that we would get here about 2 o'clock - Well - we drove like mad - and six miles out of Iowa City at 15 min until 2 o'clock - It said detour - we detoured 18 miles - I just bawled -



Friday.
Dear Carole, Bill, Maurice
+ the Jacksons.

I know you think its funny I haven't written any cards for anything but we have been through hell and back again. After we got out of Council Bluffs we struck some terrible roads I know + Maurice pushed part way. When we got to Oakland it began to rain come + on the top of the hill we got stuck - we finally got out and

stayed at a farm house all night -
It rained all night and we
started out the next day.
Mama you can't imagine any
thing worse. We shuddered &
only luck & Mrs. driving
saved us from going over. We
"fought" roads all day and at
6 o'clock hit some gravel &
drove in to Des Moines. - Mama
we didn't even stop in towns
to eat - We bought stuff at
the oil stations so we wouldn't
have to drive up in them
towns - I just didn't have a
chance to send cards back.
Well we stayed in Des Moines
all night, got there about 10 o'clock
(talk about tired) We got up
at 4:30 this A.M. - The roads
were better as the sun came
out. I gave up (almost) the